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14 November 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Fourth Phone Conversation with Mr. John Lehman, of
Dr. Kissinger's Staff, Re Director's Possible Appearance
Before the Symington Subcommittee on 17 November 1969

1. At 6:10 p.m. I advised Mr. Lehman that I had discussed the matter with General Cushman who said he was not aware of the Director's having committed himself to appearing on Monday with Ambassador Unger. I said that we had been in touch with the Subcommittee staff and they said they did not plan to have the Director and did not want him to appear on Monday. I advised Mr. Lehman that we had a call in to the Director and should be talking to him shortly. I explained that, because of the confusion, I had not tried to set the Monday meeting for 11:00 a.m. as requested by Lehman in our earlier conversation, and did not intend to do so until I could confirm with the Director and the Subcommittee.

2. Mr. Lehman said that there was a clear understanding by Messrs. Ehrlichman and Kissinger that the Director would be attending on Monday with Ambassador Unger. Mr. Lehman said if the Director does not intend to testify he should notify Dr. Kissinger to that effect. Mr. Lehman asked that we be in touch with General Haig if there are any further developments in the matter. He said this arrangement had been worked out yesterday with the Secretary of State and that Unger and the Director had gotten together last night and agreed to this. He said they are very anxious to see that they get the signals straightened out. He asked who on the Subcommittee staff said the Director was not scheduled for Monday. I told him we had been in touch with Mr. Pincus.

3. Mr. Lehman concluded by saying that when we get an answer from the Director we should convey the message to General Haig. I said that I might suggest the Director call Dr. Kissinger directly. Mr. Lehman agreed this would be better.

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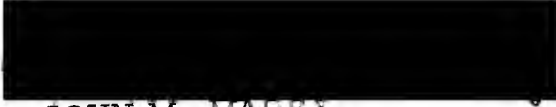
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